

DEBATE PROMPTS

DEBATE PROMPT 1: LIABILITY IN ACCIDENTS

Who should be held responsible if a self-driving car causes an accident — the passenger, the manufacturer, or the AI developer?

- What factors should determine responsibility?
- Should laws treat autonomous vehicles differently from human drivers?

DEBATE PROMPT 2: CRASH DECISION-MAKING

Should self-driving cars prioritize the safety of passengers or pedestrians during unavoidable crashes?

- Should cars follow ethical algorithms (like the “trolley problem”)?
- Who gets to decide how the AI is programmed?

DEBATE PROMPT 3: JOB DISPLACEMENT

Is it ethically acceptable to replace human drivers—truckers, delivery workers, taxi drivers—with autonomous vehicles?

- Does efficiency outweigh the social cost?
- Should governments intervene?

DEBATE PROMPT 4: DATA PRIVACY & SURVEILLANCE

Do self-driving cars collect too much personal data to be safe for public use?

- Who owns the data collected by autonomous vehicles?
- Should users be allowed to opt out of data sharing?

DEBATE PROMPT 5: ACCESS & INEQUALITY

Will autonomous vehicles increase inequality by being too expensive or limited to certain communities?

- Should self-driving car technology be subsidized or regulated?
- Could unequal access create safety issues?

DEBATE PROMPT 6: AI DECISION BIAS

Can autonomous vehicles make biased or unfair decisions, and who is responsible for correcting the bias?

- How should companies test fairness in their AI systems?
- Can bias in algorithms ever be fully eliminated?

DEBATE PROMPT 7: SAFETY VS. INNOVATION

Should self-driving cars be widely deployed even if they are not 100% safe, as long as they are safer than human drivers?

- How safe is “safe enough”?
- Should we prioritize innovation or public protection?